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SUBJECT: REELECTION RUMORS SQUASHED

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1. REFERENCE REPORTED TWO MOST TANGIBLE BASES FOR RUMORS THAT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA INTENDED TO SUCCEED HIMSELF IN OFFICE (WHICH WOULD HAVE REQUIRED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT). SUCH RUMORS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING HEREFOR SOME TIME. AS NOTED IN REF, WE ATTACHED LITTLE IMPORTANCE TO THEM, EXCEPT AS INDICATION OF HOW DISTRUSTFUL SOME SECTORS ARE OF PRESIDENT.

2. SPEAKING FEBRUARY 5, MEXICAN CONSTITUTION DAY, BEFORE AN ASSEMBLY OF THE NATION'S MOST PROMINENT POLITICAL LEADERS, PRI (RULING PARTY) PRESIDENT JESUS REYES HEROLES DECLARED THAT MEXICO HAS LEARNED THAT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ARE NOT MADE FOR ONE MAN: "CONSEQUENTLY, THOSE HAREBRAINED PERSONS WHO ENDEAVOR TO BRING ABOUT REELECTION ATTACK THE REVOLUTION, DENY OUR INSTITUTIONS AND OFFEND THE REVOLUTIONARY LUIS ECHEVERRIA..." ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA LED STANDING APPLAUSE FOR THE SPEECH WITH A "BRAVO."

3. COMMENT: THE SURPRISING ASPECT OF THIS DEVELOPMENT WAS
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THAT THE PRESIDENT THOUGHT IT NECESSARY TO HAVE REYES

MAKE THE STATEMENT AT ALL. TO ACHIEVE AN INSTITUTIONALIZED
BRAKE ON CONTINUATION OF PERSONAL POWER WAS THE REASON THE
MEXICAN MIDDLE CLASSES FOUGHT THE 1910 REVOLUTION AND THE
CONSTITUTIONAL PROHIBITION ON PRESIDENTIAL RE-ELECTION IS
BUTTRESSED BY NOW WELL-ENGRAINED POLITICAL ATTITUDES AND
BELIEFS.
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